MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : And there have been works which were considered urgent by the Chief Engineer and which are considered to be not urgent by the Government ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : It is possible that such a contingency may arise.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : Have the Government any other advisors with regard to the execution of the public works ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Government generally go by the recommendations of the Chief Engineer. But, some times, when the Chief Engineer recommends certain works to be urgently taken up, Government may not be able to accept his opinion.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : Is it on the ground of the urgency of the work ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): May be for want of funds or on the ground that it can afford to wait.

Educational reforms.

59. **MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN** (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have constituted any agency for reforming the present educational system since the pronouncement made by the Dewan on the 6th August 1927 (*vide* page 382 of Vol. XI of the Council Proceedings), that the system of education in the State needs overhauling from top to bottom ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : The answer is in the negative.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : May I know why even after the lapse of 4 years no steps were taken to constitute the agency referred to in the question ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : As was mentioned by the Director here two or three years ago, the matter has advanced a little further. He has reported to Government and he has placed before the Government the problem which the committee to be constituted has to consider.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : So, it has advanced a little further during all these four years ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes. He was asked by the Government in October 1930 to report on the terms of reference.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : May I know what was done up to the close of 1930?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : It was under consideration. There were difficulties.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : Carrying out the declaration made in this House three years ago, was being considered all these years ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Yes.

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